

Tenth Judicial District Judicial Nominating Commission Minutes of October 14, 2016 Meeting

Date: October 14, 2016

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location: Johnson County Administration Building, 111 S. Cherry, Room 201, Olathe, KS

In attendance: Justice Lee Johnson, Chair; Hon. Stephen M. Howe, Secretary, Doug Brownlee, Joe Beveridge, Gregory Doring, Sam Turner, Judge Kevin Moriarty, and Vivien Jennings, John Parisi. Brett Milbourn, Tom Bath, Greg Musil, Anna Beth Surbaugh, James Griffith and Rick Guinn

The meeting was called to order by Justice Lee Johnson at 8:00 a.m. and a quorum declared. Annabeth Surbaugh moved to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2016 meeting and James Griffith seconded the motion, which passed unanimously, 14-0.

At 8:03 a.m. Justice Johnson opened the meeting up for public comment. There were several individuals present as observers only. There being no members of the public wishing to make comment, that portion of the meeting was closed.

At 8:08 a.m. a motion was made by Greg Musil and seconded by Rick Guinn to adjourn to executive session until no later than 9:08 a.m. to discuss background checks of the applicants/interviewees for the position of Judge of the Tenth Judicial District as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) and (b)(4). The motion passed unanimously, 14-0.

At 9:08 a.m. Judge Moriarty moved and Greg Musil seconded to go back into open session. The motion passed unanimously. Justice Johnson presented the new rules of procedure, which incorporated the statutory changes from the last legislative session. The committee discussed the changes to the original draft.

At 9:25 a.m. the committee took a five minute break before starting interviews. At 9:30 a.m., the public portion of the meeting resumed and the Commissioners proceeded to interview applicants. The morning round of interviews were completed at 11:50 a.m.

The committee took a short break to eat lunch. At 12:15 p.m. a motion was made by Sam Turner and seconded by Joe Beveridge to adjourn to executive session until no later than 12:45 p.m. to discuss background checks of applicants/interviewees for the position of Judge of the Tenth Judicial District as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) and (b)(4). The motion passed unanimously.

At 12:45 p.m. the public portion of the meeting resumed. A motion was then made by Greg Musil and seconded by Brett Milborn to adjourn to executive session until no later than 1:15 p.m. to discuss background checks of applicants/interviewees for the position of Judge of the Tenth Judicial District as allowed by K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1) and (b)(4). The motion passed unanimously. At 1:15 p.m. the committee went back into open session. A short break was taken. At 1:30 p.m. the committee once again began interviews of applicants. The interviews were concluded at 3:50 p.m.

The committee was given a short period of time to review its notes and applications of the various candidates. At 4:10 p.m. Justice Johnson provided a final copy of the updated rules and procedures for the Judicial Nominating Committee. Judge Moriarty moved and Anna Beth Surbaugh seconded to approve the rules as drafted. The motion passed 12 to 2.

At 4:15 p.m. the committee discussed how many candidates to send to the Governor. Vivien Jennings moved to submit three names to the Governor, Judge Moriarty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

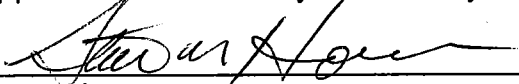
At 4:20 p.m. the first ballot was cast and it was determined, pursuant to the voting rules, that Krishnan Jayaram and Vanessa Riebli had each received 8 or more votes, so they were declared the first two nominees. Applicants Bradley Burke, Angela Gupta and Steven Johnson were removed from the second round of voting due to a failure to receive two or more votes.

The committee discussed whether there was a need to have further discussion before proceeding to a second ballot. No further discussion were needed and the committee proceeded to casting its second ballot. At the conclusion of the second ballot it was determined that Rhonda Mason would be the third nominee.

At 4:40 p.m. the committee discussed how the notification process would work for all applicants

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Approved this 22nd day of February 2017.



Steve Howe
Secretary